



LIBERTY GROVE ROCKS

From the front lines

Work has begun on Beach Rd preparing that road for paving next year. Trees have been cut by Dave's Tree Service and the crew has hauled away a lot of brush. They are now removing stumps and scrub bushes that are on the 6 foot line that grow into the cleared zone if allowed to. Hopefully they will be able to complete this job before the first measurable snow comes.

Featured Business – Bea's Homade Products, Hwy 42, Gills Rock.
920-854-2268
Find them at www.beashomadeproducts.com

REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Tax bills will be prepared usually during the 3rd week in November. It is important that the County has your correct mailing address. You can change an address by calling the Town Hall at 920-854-2934. Please note that name changes on properties have to be handled by the Register of Deeds office at the county building. You can reach them by calling 888-743-1844, ext. 2270.

SAGBRAW Bicycle Tours will return

As we already begin planning for the tourist season in 2016 we want you to be aware that SAGBRAW bicycle tours will be returning to Liberty Grove in 2016 on August 2nd and 3rd. For those business owners who would like to take advantage of 350 more people being in our area contact Darcie Pilz at Door County North. Offering incentives to visitors is a great way to get them to your business. Be creative but don't wait until the last minute. SAGBRAW is already signing up riders who are making their plans to visit our area. Why not be a part of their experience at the top of Door County.

Important Dates

Nov. 10- Board/Finance mtg – 6:30pm
Nov.11 – Plan Commission mtg -7:00pm
Nov. 16 – Tech Committee mtg -7:00pm
Nov. 18 – Town Board mtg- 7:00pm
Nov 26 & 27 – Town Hall closed

Senior Meal Program at the Town Hall

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday Door County sponsors a meal site at the Liberty Grove Town Hall. The menu is created by the County senior program in Sturgeon Bay and is brought up by Stacy Volkmann who lives in Valmy and is an employee of the County. The menu for the month is on the county web site. Even though there are meals listed for every day of the week they are only available in Liberty Grove on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They serve lunch at 12:00 noon with people gathering earlier for friendly conversation. The suggested donation for a meal is \$4.00. If you are interested please call 888-743-1844, ext. 2542 and reserve your first meal. You can sign up for future meals on your first visit here. It's a great way to socialize and meet your neighbors.

DOOR COUNTY COASTAL BYWAY

We are sure you have seen signs along Hwy 42 & 57 marking the Door County Coastal Byway. It is the Wisconsin state flower, the wood violet, next to the highway number. This is the third approved State Scenic Byway and provides the traveler with 66 miles of beautiful driving and places to visit along the way. 8 municipalities in northern Door County have joined to have visitor kiosks placed along the way. Beginning at the Door County Visitor's Welcome Center in Sturgeon a traveler can plan a drive through the northern part of the county stopping at different points of interest. Each kiosk, or hub, directs the traveler to the next stop along the coastal drive. The first hub is located at Grandma Tommy's store before the Hwy 42/57 split and is owned by the Town of Sevastopol. Liberty Grove has supplied 3 hubs, the first located in the German settlement off the parking at Koepsel's Farm Market on Hwy 57. The next is located along Hwy 42 at the entrance to the Liberty Grove Historical Society. The third is located at Port des Morts Town Park with a view of Death's Door. Each Liberty Grove hub outlines important details of the area and talks of some of the relative history. There is a fourth hub located in the Grand View Park owned by Liberty Grove. The hub was supplied by the Door County Land Trust. This hub talks about the escarpment and lists other land trust properties. The drive takes you north along Hwy 57 connecting with Hwy 42 and then back down Hwy 42 to the beginning in Sturgeon Bay. The Door County Coastal Byway is a great way to introduce newcomers to the area or travel with folks who have been coming for years and maybe driving past some of the Door County history not knowing it. A Byway Interpretive Master Plan can be purchased through the Liberty Grove Town Hall for \$35.00. Call the office to order a copy.

HOLIDAY PLANNING IN NORTHERN DOOR COUNTY

The Village of Sister Bay will host Capture the Spirit this year on November 27th and 28th. Businesses have open houses, Santa makes appearances for the kids and the village lights up for the season. Then on December 6th at 5:00pm the Ellison Bay Service Club will host the annual tree lighting in Ellison Bay followed by a chili supper at the Mink River Basin. A spiritual reading and carols sung around the outdoor tree set the tone for the holiday season in Liberty Grove. This is a free event.

This might be a good time to remind everyone that shopping locally helps to keep people employed and shops open longer than the tourist season. You can find shops located in Liberty Grove by going to our web site, www.libertygrove.org and look under the business tab. If you know of a business in Liberty Grove that isn't listed on the web contact Janet Johnson at 920-854-2934 and she can get that business in the directory. Shopping locally saves time and gas and is safer when the snow is falling. Plan on shopping locally this year.



FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

The Board approved a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to insert with the 2016 Tax bills a reminder of the Driveway Ordinance and Maintenance. Concerns have arisen over emergency vehicle access to properties with driveways that are not wide enough nor have not been maintained with enough clearance for the larger emergency vehicle. New building permits are issued with the requirement that access to the property meets the Ordinance. Many older properties may have narrower driveways which could make it difficult for emergency vehicles and it was felt a friendly reminder was appropriate. The Public Works Committee meets the first Monday of the month and agendas are posted on the Town Web Site.

The informational meetings and the Budget Hearing for the 2016 Budget were not well attended. Finance and Board had scheduled the informational meetings to provide citizens an opportunity to review the proposed budget and ask questions. Both the informational meetings and the Budget hearing were scheduled a month earlier to allow the public which traditionally have left for the winter months an opportunity to participate.

New welcoming signs for the Town were approved as part of the 2016 budget. They will replace the current signs on Highways 42 and 57.

The Board has reaffirmed its position that access to broadband communication is extremely important for the Town's economic well being and its citizens. Research done by the Economic Development Committee has shown a substantial positive impact is possible on the economy when that access is available. A Town Ordinance is being researched to supplement the one recently passed by Door County regarding the construction of towers providing broadband access.